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SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE FOR NASA PLANE TO MALLORCA

1. IN CONNECTION WITH GLOBAL ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH PROGRAM (GARP) PLANNED BY WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (WMO) AND INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC UNIONS (ICSU), A GARP ATLANTIC TROPICAL EXPERIMENT (GATE) WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1974 WITH DAKAR SENEGAL AS BASE OF OPERATIONS. NASA IS ONE OF U.S. AGENCIES PARTICIPATING IN GATE.

2. GATE OBJECTIVES ARE TO DETERMINE INTERACTION BETWEEN SMALL SCALE TROPICAL WEATHER SYSTEMS AND LARGE SCALE CIRCULATIONS, AND FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT OF NUMERICAL MODELS AND PREDICTION METHODS. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE BASIS FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF TROPICAL METEOROLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT OF WEATHER FORECASTING FOR EQUATORIAL BELT.

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3. NASA WILL PROVIDE ONE CV-990 AIRCRAFT CALL NUMBER

N712NA FOR THIS EXPERIMENT. BECAUSE OF SEVERAL MONTH DURATION OF PROGRAM, AIRCRAFT WILL REQUIRE 125 HOUR INSPECTION AND TIME WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED FOR PILOT PROFICIENCY FLIGHTS. NASA PLANS TO CONDUCT BOTH FROM SPANTAX FACILITY AT PALMA DE MALLORCA AIRPORT FROM JULY 17 THROUGH 25 AND AUGUST 18 THROUGH 27. SPANTAX REGULARLY SUPPLIES MAINTENANCE FOR SPANISH COMMERCIAL AIRLINE CONVAIR 990'S.

4. APPROXIMATELY 26 PERSONS WILL ACCOMPANY AIRCRAFT. ALL WILL HAVE VALID PASSPORTS AND NECESSARY VISAS. PILOT WILL FILE REQUIRED FLIGHT PLAN.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY SECURE REQUIRED CLEARANCES FOR MALLORCA PLUS OR MINUS 72 HOURS.

6. AS PLANE WILL DEPART FOR DAKAR JUNE 17 WOULD APPRECIATE CLEARANCE CABLE BEING SENT BOTH TO DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY DAKAR PASS U.S. GATE FIELD OFFICE FOR EARL PETERSEN. SISCO

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